

Africa (occasionally south to the Cape), Madagascar, Southern Asia and Malay region, Australia (occasionally in large numbers) and New Zealand (where it is said to have nested).

c/o FAIZ & Co.,

75 ABDUL REHMAN STREET,

BOMBAY,

28th March 1950.

HUMAYUN ABDULALI

15. KENTISH PLOVERS [*LEUCOPOLIUS ALEXANDRINUS* (LINN.)] AT BOMBAY

On 25th February 1949, I spent an hour watching the wading birds that were spread out over the almost dried-up patch of mud between Colaba and the sea. The great majority of these birds, some hundreds altogether, were Lesser Sand Plovers (*Charadrius mongolus*). With them were birds of several other species, such as Little Ringed Plover (*C. dubius*) and Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*). I soon noticed some Kentish Plovers (*Leucopoliuss alexandrinus*), and altogether I am satisfied that there were a score or more of this species scattered about over the ground, mostly keeping rather separate from the sand plovers, which were mainly in one large pack.

At this time of year, most of the Kentish Plovers were in full spring plumage, showing bright fulvous caps and a distinct black patch on the side of the neck. In 'off' plumage, it is not at all easy to distinguish from the sand plover, but it is at all times a rather rounder looking bird, the plumage is paler brown, and the legs are black. Nearly always, too, there is some black on the lores, and the neck patch is larger and darker than in *C. mongolus*. These points, however, can hardly be appreciated except when the two species are in company and can be watched at close range.

Apparently the Kentish Plover has not been recorded in Bombay previously.

24, RAJPUR ROAD,

DELHI,

1st May, 1950.

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16. THE SNOW GOOSE (*ANSER HYPERBOREUS PALLAS*)
IN KASHMIR—AN ADDITION TO THE AVIFAUNA
OF INDIA

Mr. F. C. D. Ogden has sent us the skin of a goose shot by Mr. George Nedou at Haigham Jheel at Srinagar on 26th February 1950. Mr. Nedou saw this goose flying with nine Grey Lag geese and there were other parties of Grey Lag in the vicinity. The bird is the Snow Goose—*Anser hyperboreus* (probably *hyperboreus* and a male)—a species which has not been recorded before in India. The colour of the eyes was noted as black.